

May, 2010

Potato Creek State Park

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PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

9:00 a.m.



NATURE IN A BREEZE WALK: Did you know power walking burns twice as many calories as regular walking? Trail 1 is the perfect trail to enjoy in a breeze, so come along for some power walking fun as we explore nature while learning some helpful hints to make our walk more aerobic! 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

10:30 a.m.

ONE MAN'S TRASH, ANOTHER'S TREASURE - Help us sort through items from an old homesite to learn of the past. 1 hr **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m.

BUBBLE TRASH! - Help Potato Creek today by picking up some litter! Then stop by the nature center to see a showcase of bubbles as you learn how some pieces of litter make great bubble makers for some summer family fun! 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

10:00 a.m.

FEEDING TIME - Stop by the nature center to watch all the animals eat their breakfast! 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

1:00-3:00 p.m.

PEPPERMINT LOOP HIKING FUN - Hike the Peppermint Loop trail by the nature center and answer all the questions posted along the trail correctly to receive a prize from the nature center. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

10:00 a.m.

BEAUTIFUL BLOOMERS WALK - Join us on a casual walk through the woods to see the spring wildflowers. 1 hour **MEET: QUAKING ASPEN EAST P. LOT**

2:00 p.m.

HIKE TO THE SPRINGHOUSE - Join us to see the restoration of this 1800's springhouse and discover its history. **MEET: PORTER-REA CEMETERY**

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

10:00 a.m.

ANIMAL FEEDING - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed! 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

2:00 p.m.

AWESOME MOMS - In celebration of mothers today, come learn about the roles of different mothers in the animal kingdom and discover why they might be considered awesome. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

10:00 a.m.

TURTLE TIME - Come see turtles up close and learn more about these shelled creatures. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

2:00 p.m.

GOBBLES, YELPS & CLUCKS, OH MY! - Let's talk turkey as we learn more about this bird's complex vocabulary and then make your own caller to take home. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME!** - Come to the nature center to watch the animals being fed! 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER
- 2:00 p.m. NATURE MYTHBUSTERS** - Pigs don't fly, but do toads give you warts? Stop in and take a look at some common myths and discover their validity. 45 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. BEAVER TALES** - The beaver's body is awesomely adapted to its aquatic habitat! Come learn more about beavers in the park. 45 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM
- 2:00 p.m. SALAMANDER GANDER** - Learn more about these slithery, slimy, yet sleek creatures of the ground and see one up close. Then make your very own salamander to take home. 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME!** - Come to the nature center to watch the animals being fed! 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER
- 2 - 3 p.m. NATURE UP CLOSE - REAL CLOSE** - Stop in for a few minutes to take a look at nature through a microscope. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. SASSAFRAS BEADS** - Come learn some uses of the sassafras tree and make a fun bracelet from its twigs to take home. 45 minutes. (*\$Donations\$ appreciated to help offset craft costs*)
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM
- 12:30 p.m. HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** - Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. CREEK PEEK** Explore and get your feet wet in the creek! There are more creatures than what you think! (Your feet will get wet. Old tennis shoes or crocs are highly recommended.) 1 hour.
MEET: FAMILY CAMPGROUND GATE
- 8:00 p.m. BATS!!** Join us for a short twilight walk to learn about and see a colony of bats. Flashlights helpful. 45 minutes.
MEET: WHISPERING WINDS P. LOT



SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME!** - Come to the nature center to watch the animals being fed! 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER
- 12:30 p.m. HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** - Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. 'ANT LIFE GRAND** - Discover more about these small insects that live a bigger life than what you may think. 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010

- 10:00 a.m. WORM RACES** - Unearth a new knowledge of these creatures and then join the crowd or the race as we try to reenact this weekend's Indy 500 with worms! 45 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM
- 12:30 p.m. HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** - Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. OPHIDIOPHOBIA** - Are you scared of snakes? Slither to this program in order to learn an appreciation for this creature to help overcome your fears. Anyone who wants to will be able to see one up close! 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



May Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Saturdays & Sundays: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Weekdays: Noon - 4 p.m.